

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: July 2012

1. Spotlight on Pain Research at NINR



In July 2012, a summary on NINR pain research is being featured on the website of the NIH Pain Consortium (<http://painconsortium.nih.gov/>). The NIH Pain Consortium was established to enhance pain research and promote collaboration among researchers across the many NIH Institutes and Centers that have programs and activities addressing pain. Millions of Americans suffer from adverse symptoms, such as pain, that can inhibit their ability to lead normal lives. Pain can be a debilitating symptom of chronic diseases such as arthritis and diabetes, and chronic pain can itself become a chronic disease.

To coincide with the NIH Pain Consortium's feature on NINR, we have launched a new webpage on pain research at NINR. The "Spotlight on Pain Research at NINR" page provides a broad overview of NINR's activities in pain research, highlighting recent research findings, program initiatives and other research efforts. Throughout its history, NINR has supported research on new and better ways to manage the symptoms of illness, including pain. Research supported by NINR focuses on understanding the biological and behavioral aspects of pain, with the goal of developing new knowledge and new strategies for improving patient health and quality of life.

The new page is available at <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NewsAndInformation/NINRPainSpotlight.htm>.

2. Funding Opportunity Announcement: Addressing Needs of Informal Caregivers of Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease in the Context of Sociodemographic Factors (R01)



An NINR funding opportunity announcement solicits research focused on the needs of informal caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and other dementias in the context of different sociodemographic factors.

Research is needed to help informal caregivers provide supportive care for their loved one with dementia while concurrently maintaining their own health, quality of life, and life satisfaction. This funding opportunity announcement addresses the need for further research of the sociodemographic context issues related to this topic. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to:

- Culturally-tailored interventions to help informal caregivers leverage supports, manage their burden, stress, and other negative outcomes, and to maximize their healthy behaviors
- Culturally-sensitive educational tools to improve informal caregivers' skills, knowledge, and access to resources, services, and social support
- Interventions addressing the challenges, barriers, and unique situations related to a caregiver's age, gender, or socioeconomic status
- Elucidation of the role, interrelationships, or moderating influence(s) of sociodemographic factors, social support, and/or coping processes on the effectiveness of interventions designed to decrease informal caregiver stress, burden, and other negative outcomes, and to improve informal caregivers' overall quality of life and life satisfaction
- Studies of the role of sociodemographic factors in informal caregivers' decision-making processes related to care preferences, treatment options, and preferences for interactions with healthcare professionals
- Sociodemographic research on informal caregivers' knowledge and perception of the etiology of AD, its symptoms, and the availability and effectiveness of resources and social support
- Increased understanding of the differences in informal caregivers' experiences based on sociodemographic factors

Letter of Intent Due Date: August 14, 2012

Application Due Date: September 14, 2012

For more information, visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NR-13-001.html>.

3. USAID-NIH Collaboration Brings Research into Practice for Child Survival: Call-for-Proposals to Improve Child Health



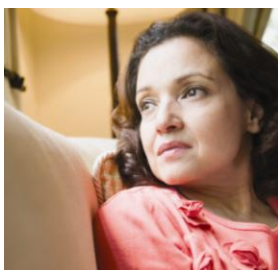
The U.S. Agency on International Development (USAID) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have jointly announced a new grant program called Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) Health to help end preventable child deaths in developing countries.

The PEER Health Child Survival program is supported by USAID's new *Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact* within the Global Health Bureau, and the Office of Science & Technology in the Policy, Planning, and Learning Bureau. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) at NIH will support the review of proposals. Fogarty International Center at NIH and NICHD staff consulted with USAID to formulate the program.

Pre-proposals are due August 31, 2012 for applications from all countries (except Indonesia) to the National Academies, which will manage the program. For application details, visit:

www.nationalacademies.org/peerhealth.

4. Update on NIH End-of-Life and Palliative Care Lectures



The NIH End-of-Life and Palliative Care (EOL PC) Special Interest Group (SIG) Organizing Committee has agreed to continue a third year of EOL PC research lectures. NINR will continue to facilitate the coordination of SIG activities and lectures on important topics in EOL PC research in partnership with members of the Organizing Committee and various NIH Institutes and Centers.

[The June 22 issue of the NIH Record](#) featured a recap of the EOL PC SIG's May 17th lecture, "Use of Observational Data to Study Comparative Effectiveness of PEG Feeding Tube Insertion in Hospitalized Nursing Home Residents with Advanced Cognitive Impairment," presented by Dr. Joan Teno of Brown University and hosted by the National Institute of Aging's Division of Behavioral and Social Research.

For more information about the NIH EOL PC SIG, please visit: <http://sigs.nih.gov/eolpc/Pages/default.aspx>.

On a related note, an Office of Disease Prevention seminar will feature Amy Berman, RN, Senior Program Officer at the John A. Hartford Foundation, who will present "Cancer Care: The Patient's Role, Palliative Care, and Implications for Health Policy" on Friday, August 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Natcher Auditorium, Rooms E1/E2, on the NIH campus.

5. Registration Open for 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit



General registration for the 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit is now open.

The Summit is an HHS-wide endeavor involving a broad spectrum of the federal government that seeks to advance activities to eliminate health disparities. The agenda will build on the momentum of the 2008 Summit and the increased interest of federal agencies to demonstrate their commitment towards improving the health of all Americans. The Summit represents an ongoing focus on emerging science and its intersection with practice and policy, while maintaining momentum on current national and international trends in addressing the social determinants of health.

The Summit will be held on Wednesday, October 31st through Saturday, November 3rd, 2012 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

General online registration is available at http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/registration.html. Registration for concurrent sessions will open in August 2012.

For more information, please email 2012Summit@mail.nih.gov or visit http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/index.html.

6. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR website at www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm.

These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts:
grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html.

7. 78th Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

The open session of the 78th meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) will take place on September 18, 2012, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 6C6, Building 31, C wing, on the campus of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Visitors are welcome to attend.

The NACNR meets three times a year to provide recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social, and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice.

More information about the NACNR is available online at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NACNR>.

Information on visiting the NIH campus is available online at: <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>.